

Sweet Chalybeate Springs
(Red Sweet Springs)
State Route 311, south of
intersection with State
Route 678
Sweet Chalybeate
Alleghany County
Virginia

HABS No. VA-1035

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Alleghany	TOWN OR VICINITY Sweet Chalybeate
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Sweet Chalybeate Springs		HABS NO. VA-1035
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Red Sweet Springs		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) State Route 311, south of intersection with State Route 678		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1850's	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Sweet Chalybaete Springs, which was a commercial resort from as early as 1836, was one of western Virginia's popular 19th century spas. A relatively large number of original buildings are still extant, providing excellent documentation of the character of such early resort complexes.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Primary buildings in the complex include: Main Building, Northern and Southern Guest Ranges, Cottages, Bath House, Bandstand, Spring House		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Characteristic of the guest accommodations are 1 and 2 story porches extending the length of or encircling the buildings		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Ceased to operate as a resort in 1918. Since then, the buildings have served a variety of commercial and residential purposes.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared fair to poor		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination)		
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